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## Interview Summary

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Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.


Identification of prior art discussed: Kargupta (US Patent No. 6,708,163) and Kamath (US Patent No. 6,675,164).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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SANA AL-HASHEMI  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's began by giving an overview of the present application. Next, Applicant's proceeded to discuss what they believed to be the differences between claim 1 of the present invention and the Kargupta, Kamath and Cho references. With reference to claim 1, the examiners have agreed to take a further look within both Kargupta and Kamath for the limitations of 'beginning attribute selection' and 'selecting a winning agent'. With reference to the limitations following, will depend upon the examiners findings with reference to the selection of the winning agent. With reference to the limitation of 'passing a best attribute', broadly speaking, the examiners believe the limitation of passing has been met. Lastly, examiners were unsure how the last two limitations of the claim language (i.e., 'generating and saving partial rules' and 'outputting complete rules') coincided with the rest of the claim. As a result, applicant's have agreed to correct and further explain/detail the 'generating and saving partial rules' and 'outputting complete rules'.